

Worship and Celebration

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Arvada United Methodist Church

May 24, 2009

Prelude *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* arr. Boyd
Soon and Very Soon arr. Carter
Patriots' Pride arr. Wells
Carolyn Cline and Dianne Cuadrado, piano duet

*Call to Worship

One: From gardens and trails, from chaos and clutter, we have come to this place.

All: We have come to sing a song of praise to God.

One: We have come seeking and knowing, doubting and sure, scrambling and calm.

All: Let us worship as we are, letting God's love find us and stir us and show us how to love one another.

***Opening Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #384

Welcome/Community Focus

During Community Focus please sign the fellowship book in the pew, pass it down your row and back so we can get to know one another.

Children's Time

Children's Song *Like A Rock*

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head;
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before,
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.**

Special Music *Lord of the Dance* arr. Carter

Choral Invitation to Prayer

Unison Prayer

God of grace, we hear Jesus telling us to love one another. But sometimes it's hard. We hear him calling us friends, but we aren't sure what that means. Open our hearts to your love so that we can understand what he means, and follow him more closely, and truly love one another as you love us.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** *The Gift of Love* #408

Offertory Invitation

"There is no way to follow Jesus with a closed hand."

—Will Willimon

Offertory Music (9:30) *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Shackley

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Offertory Prayer

Special Music *In My Father's House* Courtney
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading: John 15: 9-17; I John 4: 19-21

Reflection *"For the Love of God"* Rev. V. Oden

***Hymn** *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* #557

*Benediction

***Response** *The Trees of the Field* #2279

Postlude *There is a Happy Land* arr. Shackley

*Please stand as you choose and are able.

Assisting in Worship: Mary Ann Wisheart, Jana Tompkins, Janis Buckles, Carolyn Cline, Dianne Cuadrado, Debbie Willeford, Clara Klein, Kent Smiley
Co-Pastors: Rev. Valerie Oden and Rev. Rusty Butler
Acolyte: 9:30 Morgan Schumann
Welcome Center: Melanie Mayeranderson

If you are new to the community or this church, **WELCOME**. Please sign the fellowship book so we can send you a copy of our newsletter, *The Circuit Rider*. Stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up brochures describing the programs and activities AUMC offers and a copy of our newsletter.

Next Sunday's Special Music:

9:30 *This Little Light of Mine*
Chancel Choir

Pick up your cantata CDs in the choir room after the 9:30 service; \$2.00 each.

AUMC Opportunities

Faith in the Future: Shaping AUMC: Fri., May 29, 6:00-8:30 pm and Sat., May 30, 8:30 am-2:30 pm at Applewood Valley UMC. Please register today! All voices are needed at the table as we discern the future of AUMC.

Are you enjoying being part of AUMC? **New members** are received next Sunday, May 31. Please let Rusty or Valerie know if you are interested in "officially" joining our community of faith.

Memorial Service for Gail Manning

Today at 2 pm there is a memorial service here at AUMC for Gail Manning, long time AUMC member who moved to California in 2006. She died in California in December 2008.

The Market Place Vacation Church School is June 15-19, 9 -11:30 am, for ages 4 - grade 5. We are turning back the clock to the first century AD to celebrate daily life in Jesus' day. Registration forms are on the children's bulletin board and volunteer desk. Volunteers and cadets (grades 6-12) are needed. Contact Lisa Peterson, peterson.lisa@comcast.net to volunteer or with questions.

Items are needed for Vacation Church School crafts and baking in the different market place shops and for the VCS mission project. Please take a ticket off the bulletin board in the narthex. This year the children will fill sedaka bags. These are bags with water and snacks that can be handed out to people on the street asking for help. Thank you for your support!

KDD Spring plants are here. Stop by this morning and shop. No preorder necessary! Proceeds benefit children in our church and the community.

Family Choir

Only two weeks to go until FAMILY CHOIR begins! All ages and abilities are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Our first rehearsal will be on June 7, following the 9:30 am worship service. Come to the choir room for an hour of fun, fellowship and music! Contact Debbie Willeford for more information. 303-657-1328 debbie@arvadaumc.org

WANTED & NEEDED: Volunteers to count the Sunday collection. Approximate time required is from 8:30 - 10:30 am Monday mornings once or twice a month. Contact Bobbie in the finance office—303-431-6005 ext 231 on Monday or Wednesday mornings.

Urban Peak: Please pick up food tags in the narthex. Donations need to be received in the Center kitchen, by noon on Thurs, June 4.

**Our Sunday Morning Worship services are at 7:45 and 9:30 am.
Coffee Fellowship in the Center is from 8:45-9:30 am and 10:30-11:15 am.
Children & Youth Church School is during the 9:30 hour.**

Children and Youth Activities

Sunday School

Nursery 7:45 & 9:30 room 300	3rd Grade room 203
Preschool room 304	4th-6th Grades room 306
Kindergarten room 305	Junior High (7th-8th) room 209
1st-2nd Grades room 205	Senior High (9th-12th) room 206

UMYF 7th - 12th

Today: Memorial Day Weekend, No UMYF
Next Sunday: Snack Supper, 6:00 pm Drums, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Acknowledgements

Flowers:

Dick & Dottie Thomas in loving memory of our son, Mark;
Margaret Coleman with gratitude and hope;
Steve & Lynne Kendall in honor of their son, US Navy Corpsman Dale Kendall, for his 20th birthday;
Wilma Gundy in memory of my husband, Lloyd W. Gundy.

Greeters:

7:45 – Beth Myers
9:30 – Irv and Elaine Levy

Today, May 24

Social Concerns, 11 am
Gail Manning Service, 2 pm



This Week: May 25-May 30

Meals on Wheels: Tues-Fri, 10 am
Lite Fitness: Tues & Thurs, 8:30-9:30 am

Mon: Memorial Day, Church Closed

Tues: Care Team, 1 pm
Toastmasters, 6:30 pm
Women's Spiritual Journey, 7 pm
What's God Up To?, 7 pm

Wed: ESL, 9 am & 6 pm
What's God Up To?, 12 pm
Afternoon Book Club, 1:30 pm
N.A., 7 pm
Chancel Choir, 7 pm

Thurs: Recorders, 9:30 am
SPRC, 6:30 pm

Fri: Friday Morning Study, 7 am
Vision Retreat, 6 pm at Applewood UMC

Sat: Vision Retreat, 8:30 am at Applewood UMC



Next Sunday, May 31

New Members are Received
Children's Pentecost Party, 9 am

Sign Up In The Center

Purchase **King Soopers & Safeway certificates.**

Greeters are needed for June

Adult Education Sunday Mornings

Adult Bible Studies, 8:20 am

Insights Book Study, 8:45
Biblical Kaleidoscope, 10:30

During The Week

Toastmasters, Tues, 6:30 pm
What's God Up To?, Tues,
7 pm and Weds, noon
Women's Spiritual Journey,
Tues, 7 pm
Friday Morning Theology
7 am

Computer Recycling

Do you have old computer equipment lying around the house?
Don't know what to do with it?
The youth group is holding a fund raiser next Sunday, May 31. Bring your old computer equipment (monitors, cpu's, printers, etc.) to recycle. The cost is \$10 for a monitor and \$5 for any other equipment. You'll help the youth go to their work trip, and help the earth by recycling! It's a win win!!

Ministers

Rusty Butler
Valerie Oden

Choir Director

Debbie Willeford

Organist

Carolyn Cline

7:45 Music Dir.

Sydney Vogel

Help Deliver Flowers

People are needed to deliver flowers after the 9:30 service each Sunday. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Karla Sweany at flowerministry@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Wednesday Book Club

You are invited to a lively discussion of Isabella Bird's "A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains" at Wednesday Book Club May 27 at 1:30 pm, in the John Allen Memorial Library. The book reveals the daring of this well-educated spinster as she travels over a thousand miles of mostly Azun inhabited wilderness in six winter months.

UMW Lydia Ladies

Wednesday, May 27-Bingo, 2:30 p.m.

Tentative events for June:

Hope House of Colorado- Ice Cream Social and Baby Shower

Bingo at Arvada Care and Rehab Center

We're currently working on our schedule for the next 6 months. Please watch your mailboxes for the new sign up sheets!

AUMC Party: Make New Friends and Celebrate with Us!

Recognizing our Community and Accomplishments

Saturday, June 27, 6:30-9:30 pm in the Center. Enjoy appetizers and live music featuring *Trio Blue*. Please RSVP by June 23 to the church office at 303-431-6005.

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